

By Mr. ESCH: Papers to accompany House bill No. 11828 to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of Charles F. Kramer—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. GRIFFITH: Petition of Ellison D. McGuire, mayor, and other officers and business men of Madison, Ind., in support of House bill granting an increase of pension to Mrs. Florence Simpson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, resolutions of Dunn Post, No. 480, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Indiana, favoring the passage of House bill No. 5779, giving veterans preferment in public service; also asking that order No. 225 of the Pension Bureau be revoked and that order 164 be restored—to the Committee on Reform in the Civil Service.

By Mr. HEPBURN: Petition of Austin Jay and others, of Appanoose County, Iowa, asking that a pension be granted to Jacob Cox—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. LAMB: Papers to accompany House bill for the relief of the Baptist Church of Henrico County, Va.—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. MANN: Petition of J. S. Woodward and others, of Chicago, Ill., and the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Forty-first Street Presbyterian Church, of Chicago, Ill., in favor of the anti-polygamy amendment to the Constitution—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. McALEER: Resolutions of the Grocers' and Importers' Exchange and Trades League of Philadelphia, Pa., in favor of legislation for the preservation of the present mint building, to be used as a free library for the city of Philadelphia—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, resolutions of the Manufacturers' Club of Philadelphia, Pa., urging the passage of the Pacific cable bill—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Also, petition and letter of Edwin Fairfax Naulty, secretary of the Valley Forge National Park Association, for the creation of a military park at Valley Forge—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. McCALL: Papers to accompany House bill No. 13028, for the relief of Dr. William C. Flowers—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. McCLELLAN: Resolutions of the New York Academy of Medicine, asking for an appropriation of \$9,000 for additional shelving and room in the library of the Surgeon-General's Office at Washington—to the Committee on Appropriations.

Also, resolutions of the New York Academy of Medicine, for relief to charitable and religious institutions from the operation of the war-revenue law—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. NAPHEN: Petition of the Fruit and Produce Exchange of Boston, Mass., favoring the establishment of a national forecast district for the New England States—to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. PAYNE: Petition of George H. Reeder & Co. and other business firms of Grand Rapids, Mich., for the repeal of the tax of 15 per cent ad valorem on imported hides—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ROBINSON of Indiana: Petition of Wayne Shoe Company and 9 other firms of Fort Wayne, Ind., praying for the removal of the duty on hides—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, petition of Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs, in favor of the forestry reserve and national park in Minnesota—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

By Mr. RUSSELL: Resolutions of Epworth League of Norwich, Conn., for international action of Christian governments excluding intoxicants from domains inhabited by native and uncivilized races—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. STEELE: Papers to accompany House bill for the relief of Elizabeth Furey—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. STEVENS of Minnesota: Petition of Braham Mercantile Company and other firms of Braham, Minn., against the establishment of the parcels-post system—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. TERRY: Resolution of the Board of Trade of Little Rock, Ark., in favor of the adoption of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. WEEKS: Paper to accompany House joint resolution in behalf of Reynold A. Crisner—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. JAMES R. WILLIAMS: Papers to accompany House bill for the restoration of pension to Sarah A. Tanquary—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, papers to accompany House bill granting a pension to Richard McGaddis—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, paper to accompany House bill granting an increase of pension to John Smith, of Akin, Ill.—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, petition of Elizabeth Burnett to accompany House bill granting her a pension—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

## SENATE.

FRIDAY, December 21, 1900.

The Chaplain of the Senate, Rev. W. H. MILBURN, D. D., offered the following prayer:

O Eternal God, we come into Thy presence bowed under the heavy weight of grief and sorrow as we hear the news that the wife of the President of the Senate has been called suddenly from earth to the invisible world. Our hearts are stirred with unspeakable sympathy for Thy servant, the Presiding Officer of the Senate. Comfort and uphold him as he is stricken and left alone by this bereavement. Grant, O Lord, to minister to him that only consolation which can come at such an hour.

Let Thy Heavenly blessing be upon all the members of this body and their families. Protect and guide us; and when our last hour shall come may we pass quietly in the faith and hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ into Thy presence and at Thy right hand. Through our blessed Mediator, Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Amen.

The Secretary read the following letter:

UNITED STATES SENATE, December 21, 1900.

I hereby appoint Hon. CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS, Senator from the State of Indiana, to preside over the Senate during my absence.

WM. P. FRYE, President pro tempore.

Mr. FAIRBANKS thereupon took the chair as Presiding Officer. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Secretary will read the Journal of yesterday's proceedings.

The Secretary proceeded to read the Journal of yesterday's proceedings, when, on request of Mr. HOAR, and by unanimous consent, the further reading was dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Journal, without objection, will stand approved.

Mr. HOAR. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now adjourn.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 12 o'clock and 5 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned, the adjournment under the concurrent resolution of the two Houses being until Thursday, January 3, 1901, at 12 o'clock meridian.

## EXECUTIVE BUSINESS.

December 20, 1900.

### TREATY ON INTEROCEANIC CANAL.

The injunction of secrecy was removed from the convention between the United States and Great Britain to facilitate the construction of a ship canal to connect the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and to remove any objection which might arise out of the convention commonly called the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, and also from all votes on amendments and on the final ratification.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, December 21, 1900.

The House met at 12 o'clock m.

The following prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Rev. HENRY N. COUDEN, D. D.:

Almighty and most merciful God, in Whom all our longings, hopes, and aspirations are centered, fill us, we beseech Thee, with the spirit of Christmas, which is good will, that we may join our voices, from our hearts, with the angelic chorus which has been sounding down the ages from the first Christmas morn, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men." So let that chorus sound on until all people of all climes shall hear and add their voices to it, that peace shall reign supreme in every heart.

Amid the joys and festivities of this season of the year a cloud has come over our Congressional family. One of its employees has met with a serious accident. We pray that he may be blessed with patience to bear his suffering.

The sad tidings comes to us of the death of one of the members of this House. We pray Thee to comfort the bereaved and the broken hearted. Again, the sad news has been borne to us that the President pro tempore of the Senate has been stricken by the loss of his companion. O Lord, strengthen him to bear his sorrow, and quicken us all with larger faith and hope and confidence in Thee, that when the hour comes that we shall be called upon to pass over the river of death we shall go forward without fear, looking to Thee, the Master, the Builder of all, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and approved.

### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED.

Mr. BAKER, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles; when the Speaker signed the same:

H. R. 12338. An act making appropriations to supply urgent